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In re application of :  
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STEERING DEVICE FOR SPORTS  
ARTICLES PROVIDED WITH  
SUPPORTING AND SLIDING  
ELEMENTS IN AN IN-LINE  
ARRANGEMENT  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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